15th Election District

* BEFORE THE

* DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER * OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

6th Councilmanic District Home Depot USA, Inc.

* Case No. 94-58-A

Petitioners

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Variance filed by the owners of the subject property, Home Depot USA, Inc., by Stuart D. Kaplow, Legal Representative. The Petitioners seek relief from Section 409.6.A.2 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit 558 off-street parking spaces in lieu of the required 683, and from Section 238.2 of the B.C.Z.R. to permit a side yard setback of 17 feet in lieu of the required 30 feet for the proposed expansion of an existing garden center, as more particularly described on Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing on behalf of the Petition were Karl Frey, Real Estate Manager for Home Depot USA, Inc., Gary Zarnicki and Jack Stamm. The Petitioners were represented by Stuart D. Kaplow, Esquire. There were no Protestants present

Testimony indicated that the subject property, known as 9921 Pulaski Highway, consists of 11.66 acres, more or less, and is the site of a Home Depot retail operation. The Petitioners are desirous of expanding the existing garden center with a proposed 16,500 sq.ft. addition on the south side of the existing building as shown on Petitioner's Exhibit 1. The proffered testimony presented by Mr. Kaplow indicated that the proposed expansion will allow the Petitioners to provide outside storage of plants for sale to the general public. As to the parking variance, Mr. Kaplow testified that the Home Depot shares its boundary with the Price Club and other tenants located to the south and west of the Home Depot at this location and much of the on-site parking is shared. Due to the proposed expansion of the garden center, additional parking must be provided. The side setback variance is necessary as a result of the close proximity of the proposed garden center expansion to an interior lot line located between the Home Depot and Price Club. Although this lot line is not noticeable by visual inspection of the site, it is clearly depicted on the site plan submitted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 1. Testimony indicated that the Home Depot has upgraded and expanded its garden centers at many of its other locations in Baltimore County and elsewhere around the State of Maryland, and that this is just one more expansion in a line of many planned for the Home Depot.

An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and his property. McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following:

> 1) whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily

> 2) whether the grant would do substantial injustice to applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief; and

3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28

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Petition for Variance

This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimere County and which is described in the description and plat attached

of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hardehip or

structure such that strict compliance with the zoning regulations would result

i, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this polition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

Special circumstances and conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or

for the property located at 9921 Pulaski Highway

hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s)

See Attached

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations.

in practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship.

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

which is presently zoned BR-IM

It is clear from the testimony that if the variance is granted. such use, as proposed, will not be contrary to the spirit of the B.C.Z.R. and will not result in any injury to the public good.

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship will result if the variance is not granted. It has been established that special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of this variance request and that the requirements from which the Petitioner seeks relief will unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel In addition, the variance requested will not cause any injury to the public health, safety or general welfare. Further, the granting of the Petitioner's request is in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of the

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above. the variance requested should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this 27 day of October, 1993 that the Petition for Variance requesting relief from Section 409.6.A.2 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit 558 off-street parking spaces in lieu of the required 683, and from Section 238.2 of the B.C.Z.R. to permit a side yard setback of 17 feet in lieu of the required 30 feet for the proposed expansion of the existing garden center, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restriction:

> 1) The Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order;

Description of Lot 3 to accompany

Petition for parking variance and

setback variance.

beginning.

94-58-A ATTACHMENT TO PETITION FOR VARIANCE

Home Depot USA, Inc.

- 1. A variance from BCZR Section 409.6.A.2 to permit 550 offstreet parking spaces in lieu of the required 683 off-street parking spaces.
- 2. A variance from BCZR Section 236.2 to permit a 17 feet side yard set back in lieu of the required 30 feet side yard set

however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the relief granted herein shall be rescinded.

> Suth, Kotroco TINOTHY N. KOTROCO Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

FROM THE OFFICE OF GEORGE WILLIAM STEPHENS, JR. & ASSOCIATES, INC. 610 KINKLWORTH DRIVE, SLITE 100, TOWSON, MARYLAND 21:

June 29, 1993

Beginning for the same at a point on the southwestern side of Mohrs Lane, 60 foot Right-of-Way, said point being designated 21, having Baltimore County Metropolitan District coordinate values of North 22857.69 and East 48472.73 and being at the division line between Lot 2 and Lot 3, all shown on a Plat entitled "PRICE CLUB PLAZA, Northeast Baltimore" dated July 20, 1990, recorded among the Plat Records of Baltimore County, Maryland in Plat Book S.M. 62 folio 129, said point of beginning being measured South 63 degrees 03 minutes 52 seconds East 444.94 feet from the centerline intersection of said Mohrs Lane and Pulaski Highway- U.S. Route 40, 150.00 foot wide, shown on said Plat, running thence leaving said point of beginning, for part of the distance binding on the southwestern side of said Mohrs Lane, shown on said Plat and for part of the distance binding on the southwestern side of the Proposed Highway Widening of said Mohrs Lane, shown on said Plat, in all, 1) South 66 degrees 55 minutes 50 seconds East 662.20 feet to a point designated 9 on said Plat, running thence continuing to bind on said Proposed Highway Widening, 2) southeasterly by a curve to the right having a radius of 970.00 feet for a distance of 136.98 feet, said curve being subtended by a chord bearing, reversing the bearing shown on said Plat, South 62 degrees 53 minutes 06 seconds East 136.87 feet to a point designated 8 on the Plat boundary and shown on said Plat, running thence leaving said Proposed Highway Widening, binding on said Plat Boundary, the three following courses, viz: 3) South 28 degrees 20 minutes 35 seconds West 218.87 feet to a point designated 11 shown on said Plat, 4) South 65 degrees 54 minutes 50 seconds East 242.15 feet to a point designated 12 shown on said Plat and 5) South 45 degrees 20 minutes 16 seconds West 177.20 feet to a point designated 24 at the division line between Lot 1 & Lot 3, shown on said Plat, running thence binding on said division line between said Lot 1 & Lot 3, reversing the bearings shown on said Plat, the six following courses, viz: 6) North 67 degrees 32 minutes 37 seconds West 173.15 feet to a point designated 23 shown on said Plat, 7) South 22 degrees 27 minutes 23 seconds West 305.00 feet to a point designated 16 on said Plat. 8) North 44 degrees 39 minutes 44 seconds West 149.06 feet to a point designated 17 shown on said Plat, 9) South 45 degrees 20 minutes 16 seconds West 20.37 feet to a point designated 18 on said Plat, 10) North 53 degrees 44 minutes 03 seconds West 530.43 feet to a point designated 19 shown on said Plat and 11) North 67 degrees 32 minutes 37 seconds West 115.99 feet to a point designated 20 at the hereinabove mentioned division line between Lot 2 & Lot 3, running thence binding on said division line between Lot 2 & Lot 3 shown on said Plat, 12) North 22 degrees 27 minutes 23 seconds East 543.26 feet to the position MARY

Containing 11.8886 acres of land more or less.

NOTE: THIS DESCRIPTION PREPARED FOR ZONING PURPOSES OF INTENDED TO BE USED FOR CONVEYANCES OR AGREEMENTS.

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

Suite 113 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

October 27, 1993

Stuart D. Kaplow, Esquire Baltimore, Maryland 21210

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE SW/S Mohrs Lane, 450' SE of Pulaski Highway (9921 Pulaski Highway) 15th Election District - 6th Councilmanic District Home Depot USA, Inc. - Petitioners Case No. 94-58-A

Dear Mr. Kaplow:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Variance has been granted in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Zoning Administration and Development Management office at 887-3391.

> Very truly yours, Swith Kotroco TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO

for Baltimore County

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

cc: Mr. Karl W. Frey, Real Estate Manager, The Home Depot 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 750, Washington D.C. 20015

People's Counsel

5125 Roland Avenue 435-5632 Stuart D. Kaplow

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SEIVED FOR FILING

5125 Roland Avenue

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CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

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Baltimore County Government
Office of Zoning Administration
and Development Management

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

County of the Addition (1) of the Addition (1)

(410) 887-3353

September 3, 1993

Stuart D. Kaplow, Esquire 5125 Roland Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21210

RE: Case No. 94-58-A, Item No. 61
Petitioner: Home Depot USA, Inc.
Petition for Variance

Dear Mr. Kaplow:

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee (ZAC) has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The attached comments from each reviewing agency are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties, i.e., zoning commissioner, attorney and/or the petitioner, are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case.

Enclosed are all comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition. If additional comments are received from other members of ZAC, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on August 5, 1993, and a hearing was scheduled accordingly.

The following comments are related only to the filing of future zoning petitions and are simed at expediting the petition filing process with this office.

1. The director of Zoning Administration and Development Management has instituted a system whereby seasoned zoning attorneys who feel that they are capable of filing petitions that comply with all aspects of the zoning regulations and petitions filing requirements can file their petitions with this office without the necessity of a preliminary review by zoning personnel.

August 19, 1993 Insue - Juffersmiss

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NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Bultimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Bultimore
County, will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in
Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Champesha Avenue in Tourne, Haryland 21204

Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

CASE MUMBER: 94-58-A (Item 61)
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15th Election District - 6th Councilmanic
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HEARING: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1993 at 10:30 a.m. in Rm. 106, County Office Building.

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NOTES: (1) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMUNITIONS PLRASE CALL 887-3353.

(2) FOR INFORMATION CONCERING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, PLRASE CALL 887-3391.

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management

(410) 867-3353

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Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration

O. James Lighthizer Secretary Hat Kassoff Administrator

8-13-43

Re: Baltimore County Item No.: +61 (WCR)

Ms. Helene Kehring
Zoning Administration and
Development Management
County Office Building
Room 109
111 W. Chesapeake Avenue
Towcon, Maryland 21204

Dear Ms. Kehring:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not effected by any State Highway Administration projects.

Please contact Bob Small at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

John Contestablie, Chief Engineering Access Permits Division

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

CO: Arnold Jablon, Director
Zoning Administration and
Development Management

DATE: August 12, 1993

FROM: Pat Keller, Deputy Director Office of Planning and Zoning

SUBJECT: Petitions from Zoning Advisory Committee

The Office of Planning and Zoning has no comments on the following petition(s): Item Nos. 40, 41, 45, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 59, 61 and 63.

If there should be any further questions or if this office can provide additional information, please contact Jeffrey Long in the Office of Planning at 887-3480.

Prepared by: Jeffry M-Long

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J. Lawrence Pilson () DEPRM
Development Coordinator, DEPRM

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of August 16, 1993

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

August 24, 1993

SUBJECT: Zoning Item #61, Home Depot 9921 Pulaski Highway

Mr. Arnold Jablon, Director

Zoning Administration and

Development Management

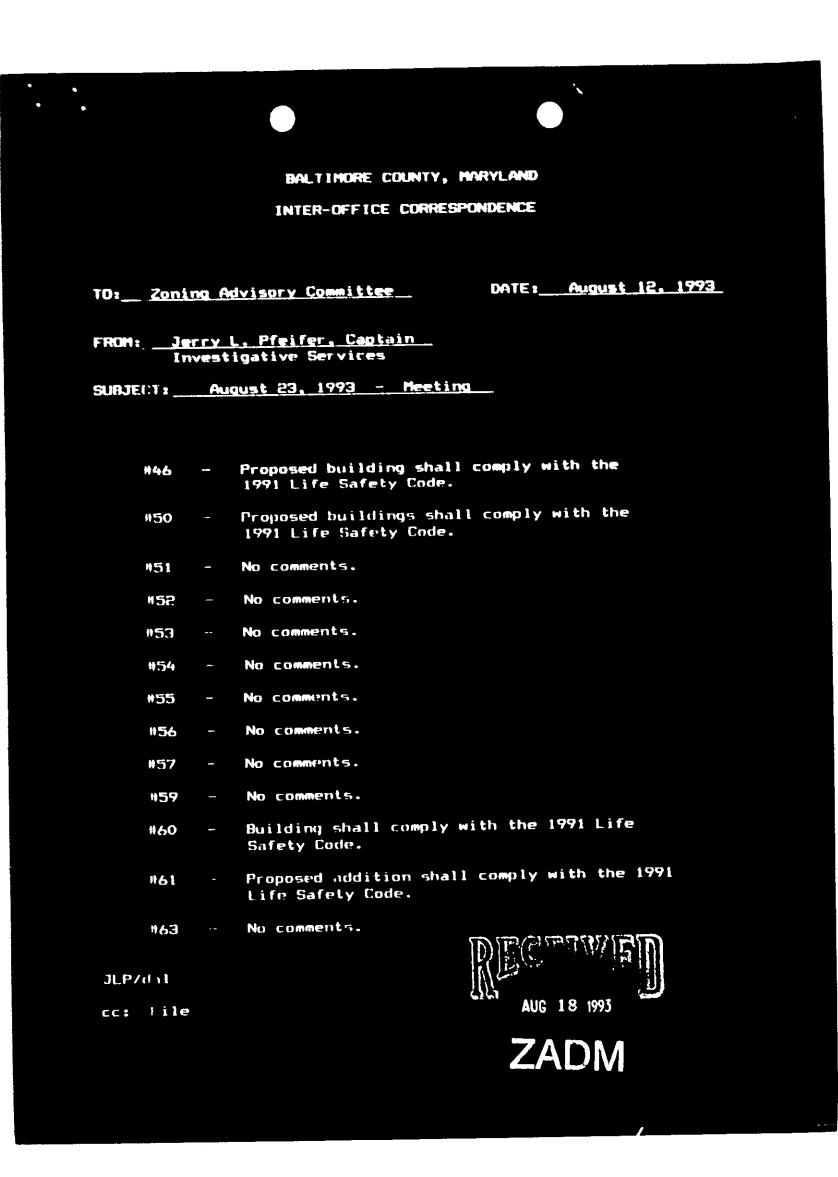
The Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management offers the following comments on the above-referenced zoning item.

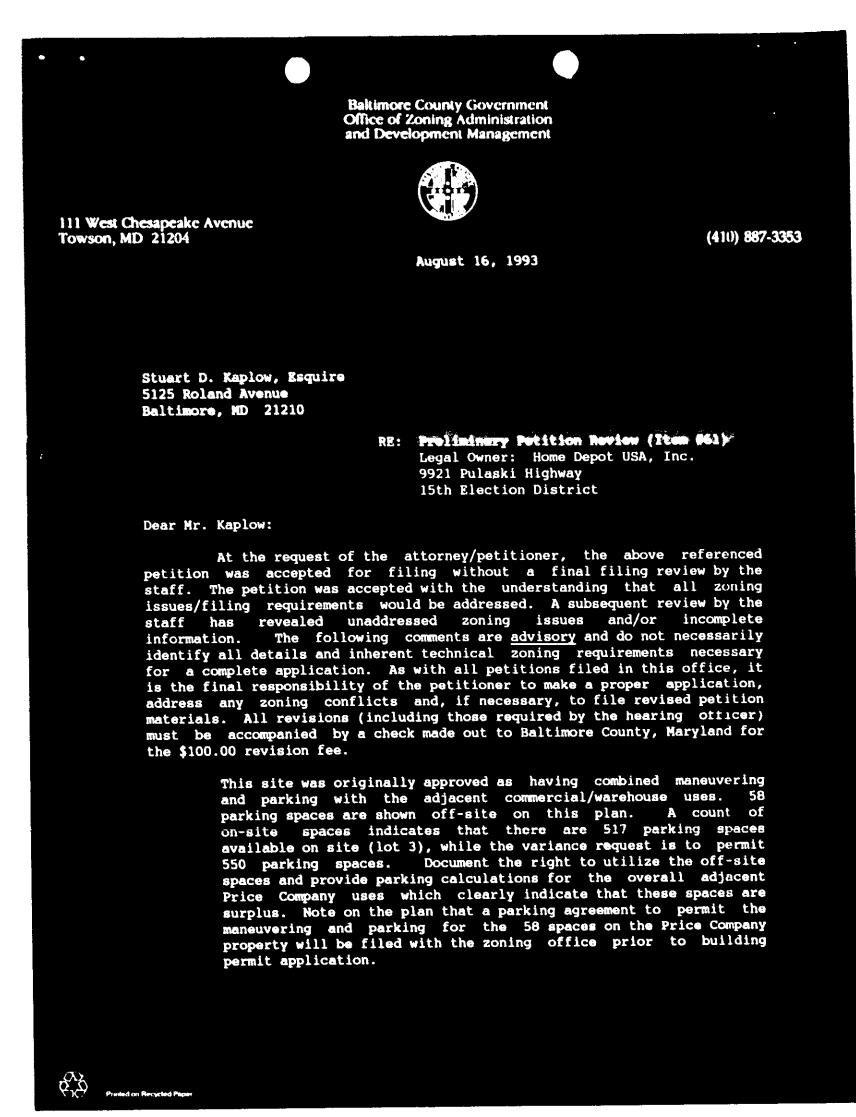
The proposed expansion will be subject to the Forest Conservation Regulations (Sections 14-400 through 14-420). Payment of a fee into the Saltimore County Forest Conservation Fund may be made in lieu of off-site afforestation. Said fee would be based on the area of disturbance for the proposed expansion.

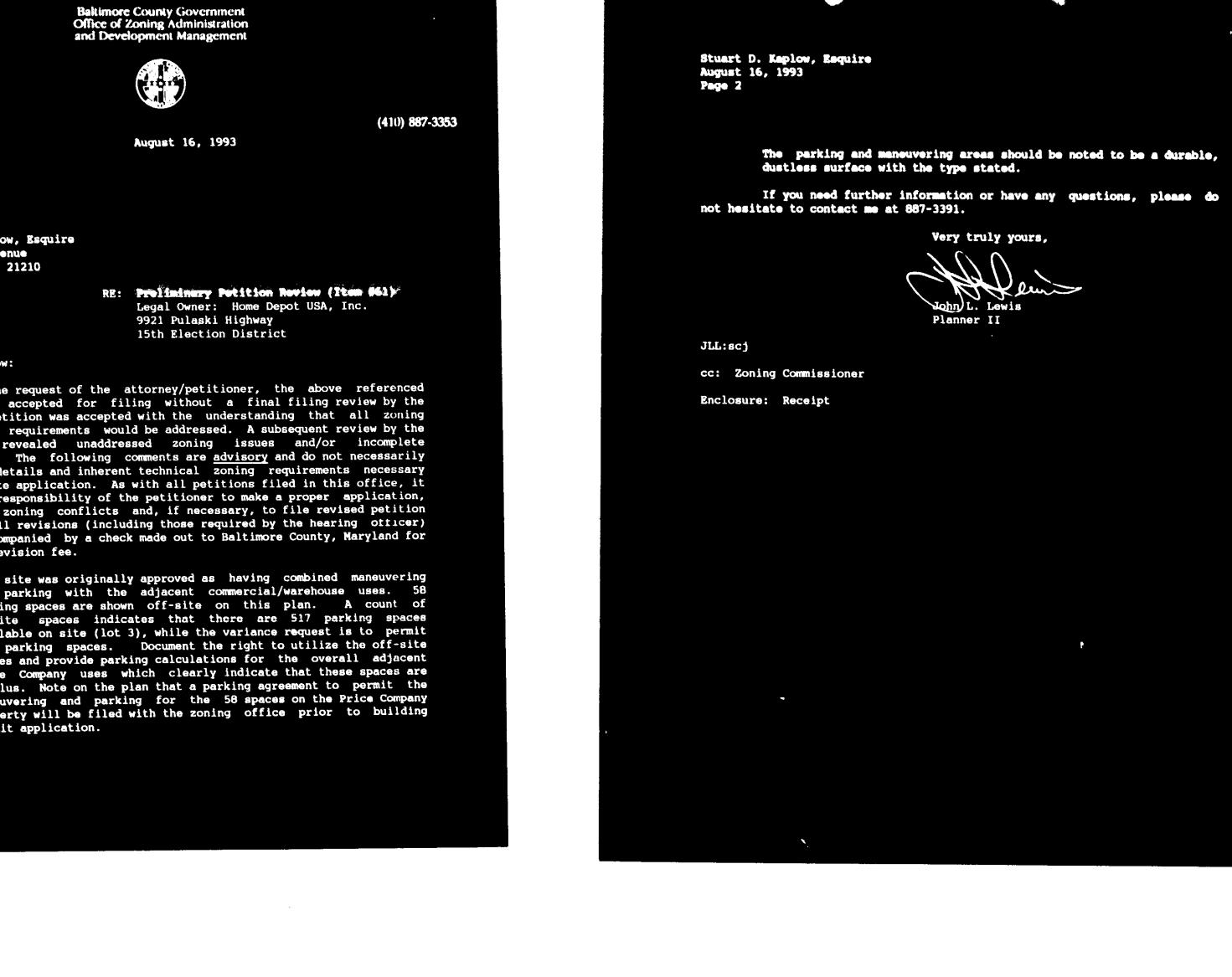
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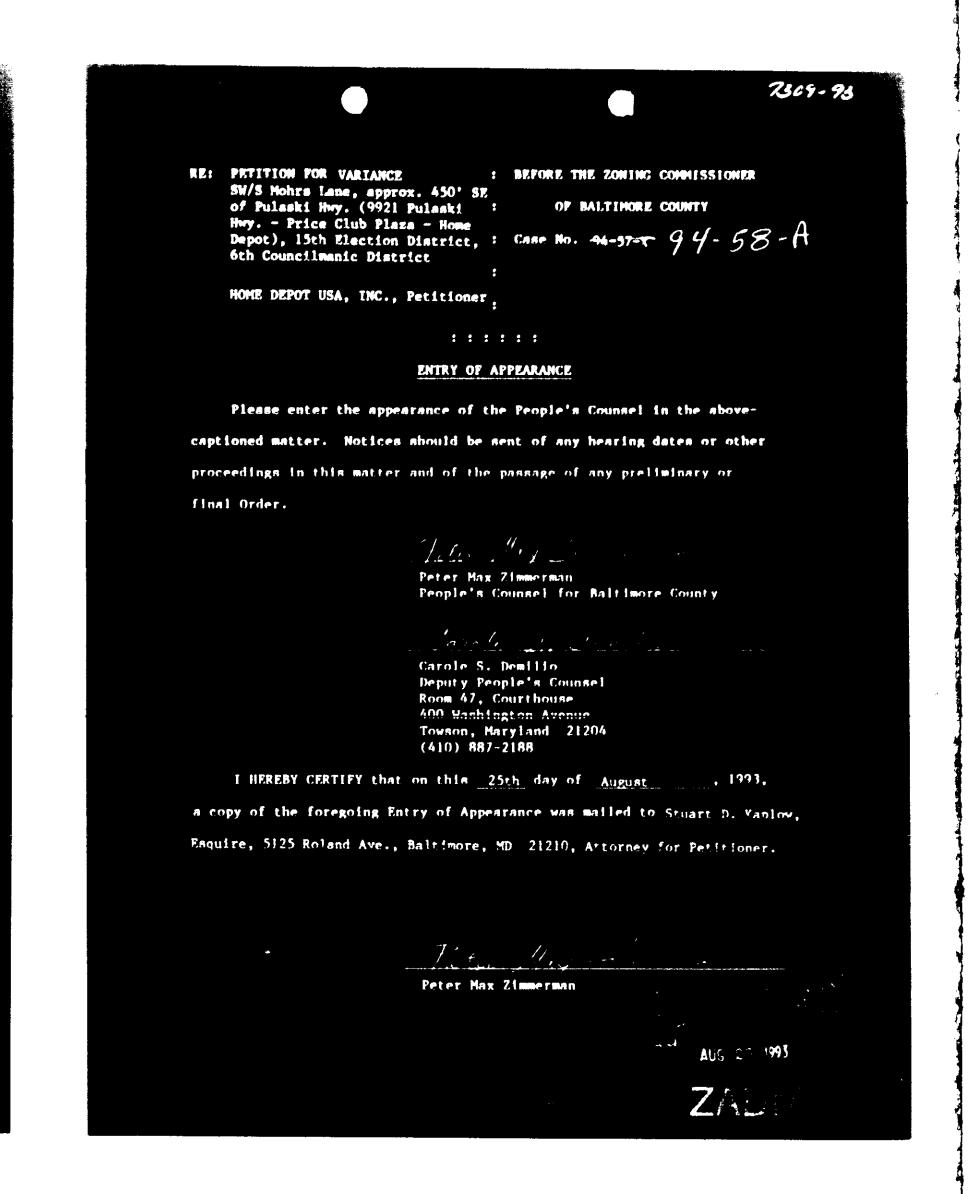
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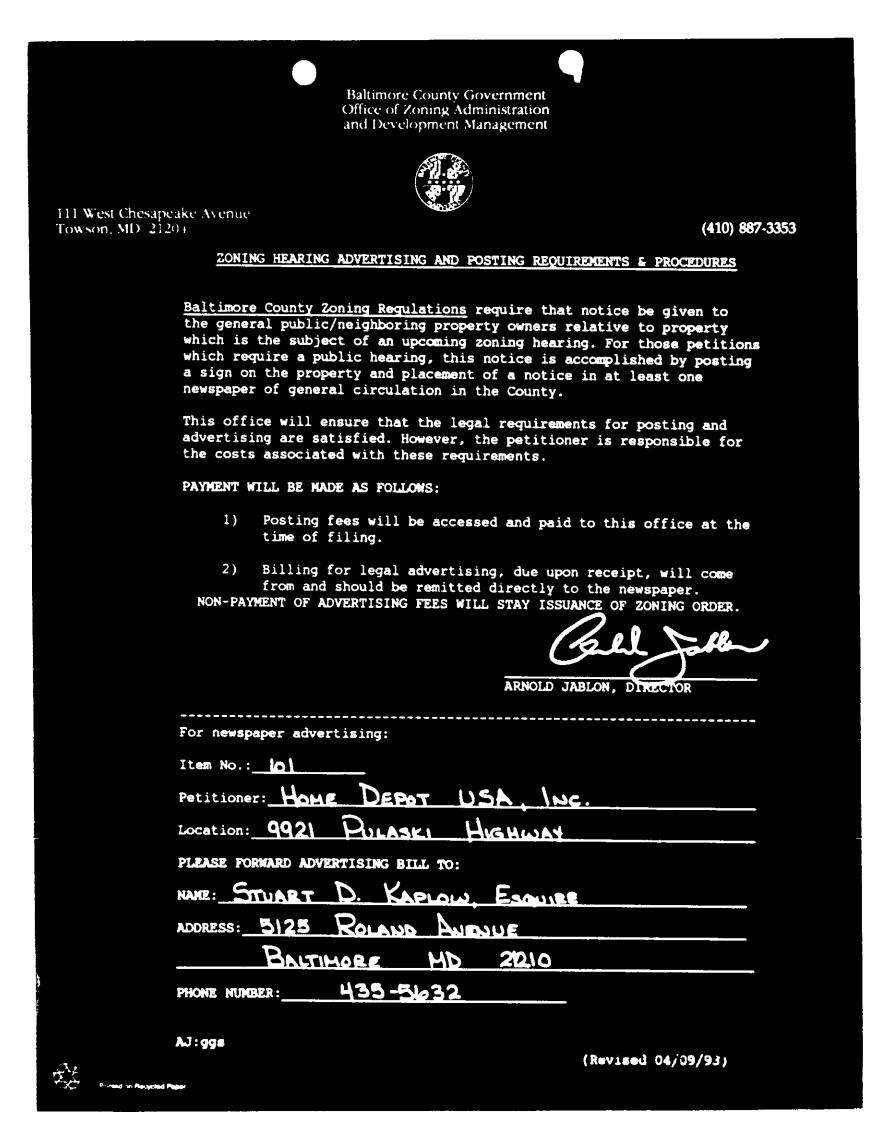
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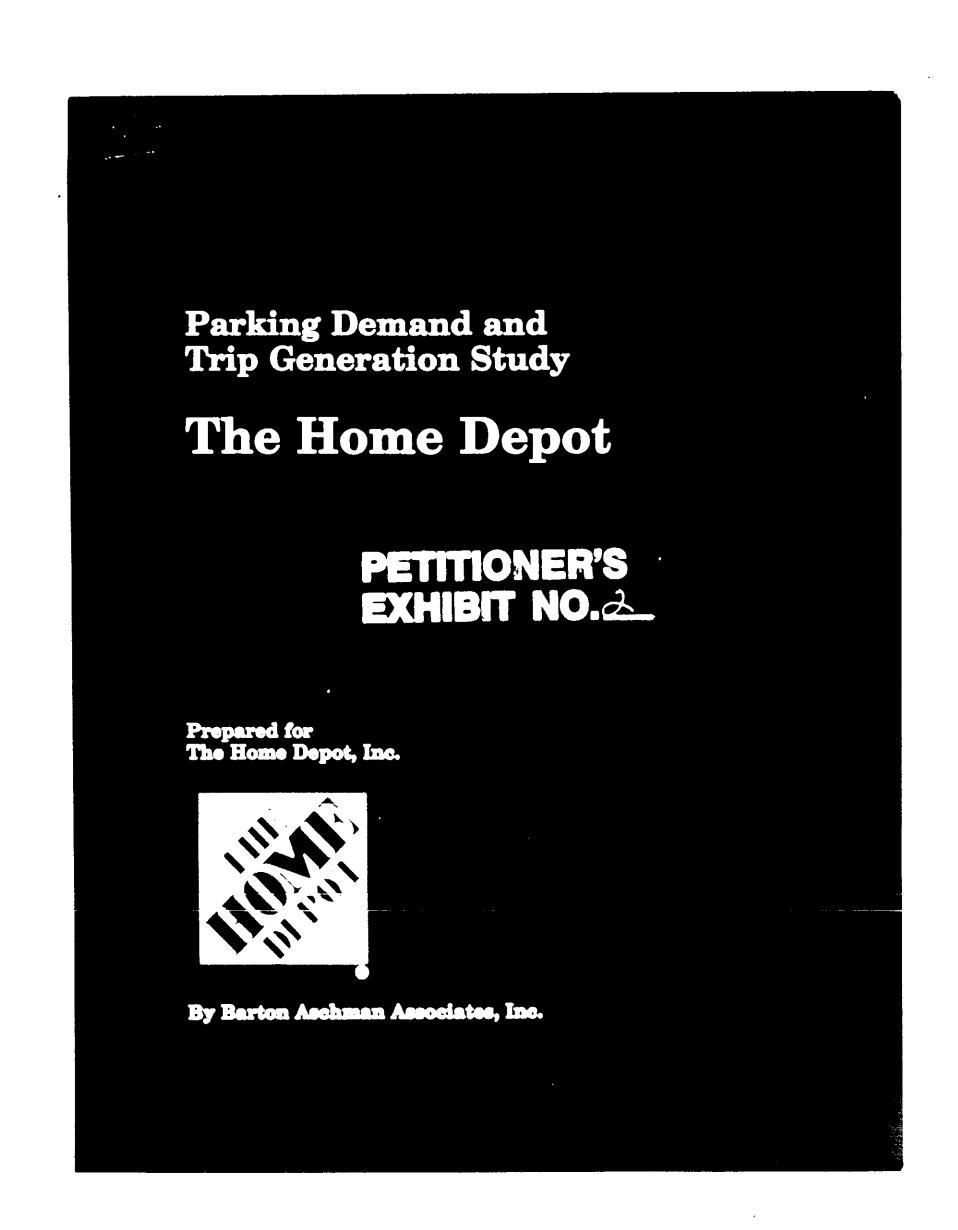


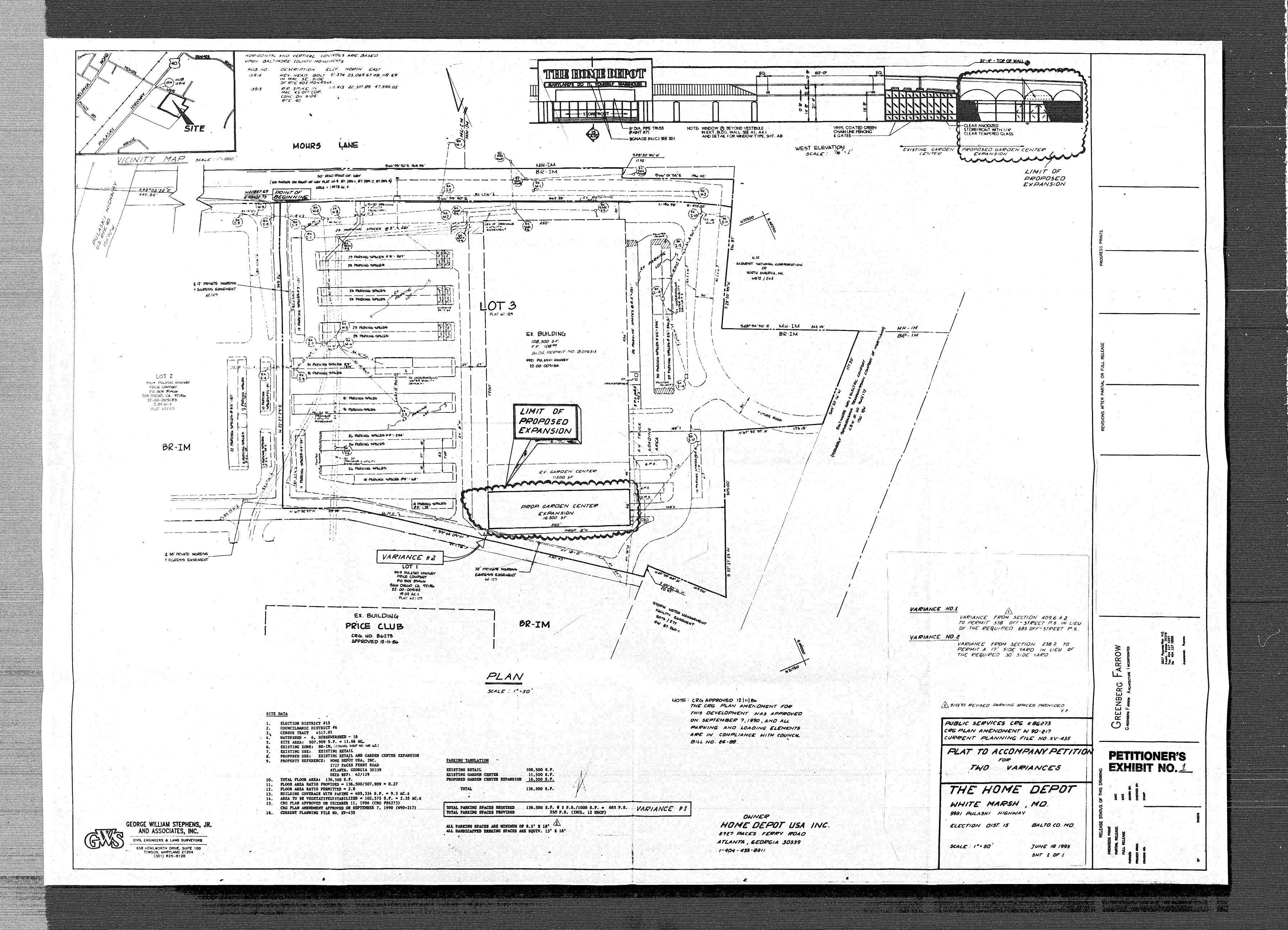


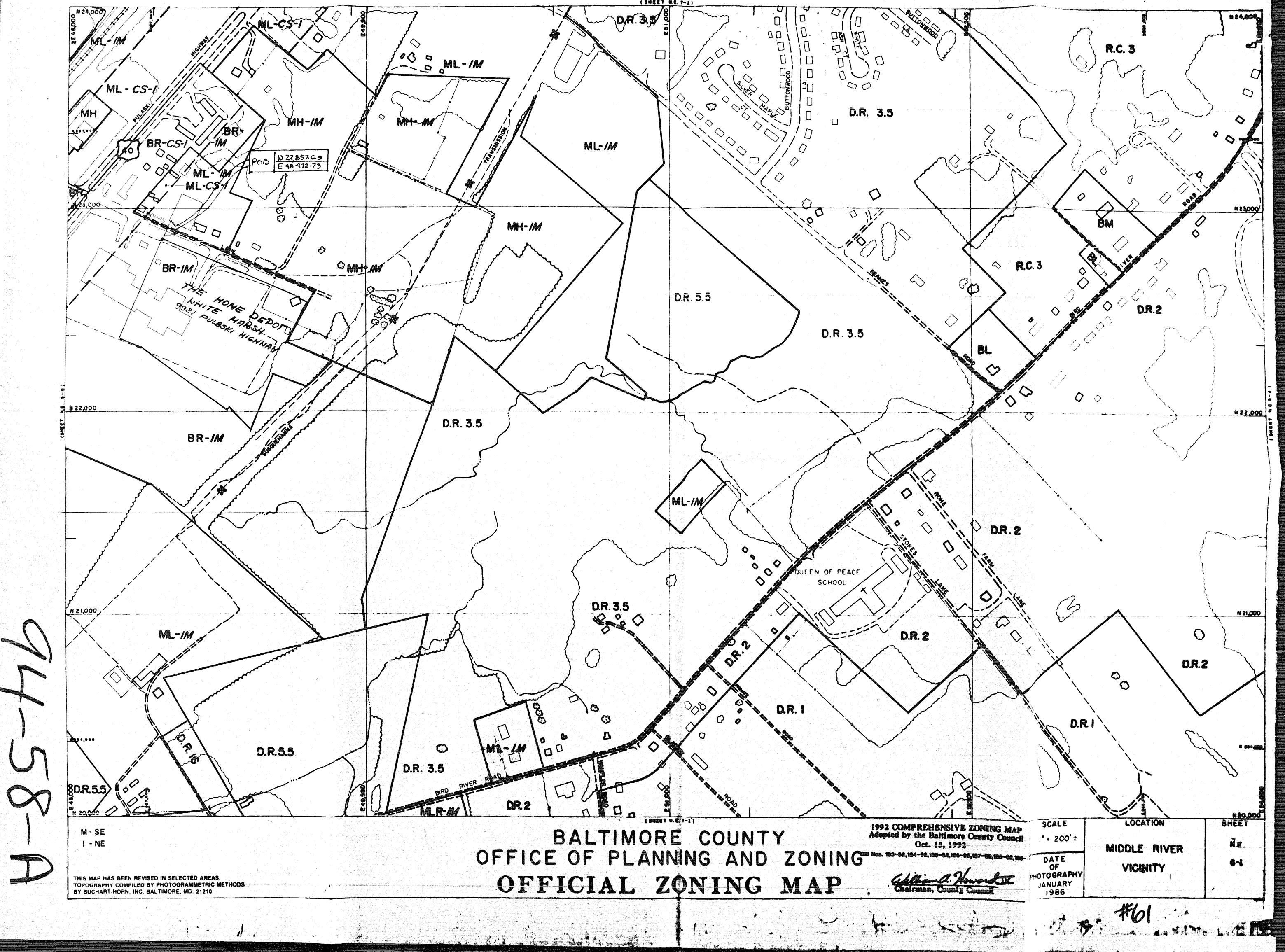












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